

## January 21: Guided by principle

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### **Guided by principle**

Sir, - Irwin Cotler continues to show that he is a man of courage, compassion and integrity and one who is guided by the biblical principle "justice, justice, you shall pursue" ("In pursuit of justice," January 18).

Cotler draws our attention to the plight of Salah Uddin Shoaib Choudhury, a Bangladesh national who is on trial and faces the possibility of execution for trumped-up charges, while having been denied almost every single basic fundamental right that has been recognized in international law.

In alerting people to Choudhury's case, Cotler continues to defend his international clients not only in the courts, but also in the "court of public opinion." This, as he has shown in the past in defending clients such as Nelson Mandela and Natan Sharansky, is often more important than the actual legal defense in court, as it often embarrasses a rogue country into action and reminds those of us in the democratized world of the importance of continuing to fight for the rights of the oppressed and the vulnerable.

The world needs more Irwin Cotlers.

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